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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

NEWS and NOTES

SISTER BEV RILATT: By the time you read this, Bev will be Mrs. Dick Richardson.

Bev has been doing a Course with the Richmond Fellowship in England, and met Dick during a seminar last year.

They are being married in England on the 2nd December, 1978, and returning to Australia soon afterwards, to settle in Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND VISITORS: During the past couple of months, we have been visited by several New Zealanders.

Captain Peter Allfrey, and his wife Anthea, are about to take up a new ministry at Huia Lodge, near Auckland - a Camp Site owned by the New Zealand Church Army. Their work will involve them in running camps, youth work and laity training programmes. They have spent 2 months in Australia, talking with people experienced in these fields, and gathering resources.

The Rev. Captain Barrie Ingham was on holidays in Australia for about 10 days, and arranged his trip to co-incide with Captain Gwilt's Ordination as Deacon on the 8th September. Captain Ingham's ministry with the New Zealand Church Army is amongst Maori people at the Waipatu-Moteo Maori Pastorate.

Captain John Dewdney, and his wife Margaret, have recently returned from their 11th visit to Australia. Captain Dewdney is the Director of the N.Z. Church Army, and visits Australia annually to lecture at our College and to observe the progress of his own Students. While here, the Dewdneys joined our College Principal and Students for a Mission at Manly Vale (a Sydney Parish).

MOVEMENTS: *The following Officers will all be on the move at the end of this year. Please remember them as they prepare for new ministries.*

Sister Flo Herman, Captain Trevor Brooks, Captain & Mrs. David Hinchliffe, Captain Chris Thiele.

More about their new positions in the next issue.

ORDINATION: The Rev. Captain Arthur Malcolm will be ordained Priest on Monday, 18th December. He was made Deacon earlier in the year. Captain Malcolm will continue in his ministry as Chaplain to Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement near Cairns.

OLD PIONEERS: *We are trying to bring our records up to date and have a number of old magazines missing. If you have any of the following issues of "The Pioneer" and would be happy to part with them, we would love to hear from you.*

Nos. 1 - 4 (1934), 6 - 8 (1935), 13 (1937), 17 (1940), 19 (1941), 22 (1943), 24 (1944), 25 (1945).

A NEW ERA! For the first time, in the history of the Australian Church Army, our Newcastle Bookshop is in our own premises! The address - 14 Perkins Street.

The new Shop was opened on Friday, 3rd November, by the Bishop of Newcastle

PICTURED ON FRONT COVER:
1. Bishop of Newcastle with Kelsey Barratt & Elizabeth Payne.
2. From left, Mr. L. Jennison Mrs. M. Dunn, Captain N.A. Payne, Bishop Holland & Archdeacon A.J.Eley

WHEN YOU GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS

Do keep in mind the needs of our work of evangelism.

We are constantly encouraged by the generosity of those who support the Church Army. However, we have no opportunity to feel self-sufficient. We are continually compelled to look to God as our Provider, because of the ever-increasing costs of our ministry. This is particularly so in one of our newest ventures.

THE AERIAL MINISTRY is an expensive project. We knew that, when we decided to appoint Captain Kevin Cullen to this work, full-time. But we believed that God was leading us into this area, and that He would provide. We have seen His provision over the past months, and we believe that He will continue to make possible this and other work - through those who take part in the ministry of evangelism, through giving and praying.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU THIS CHRISTMAS ?

YOU MAY SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL IN THE ATTACHED ENVELOPE

life, I said prayerfully, "Lord Jesus, I don't really understand, please help me, take over my life and help me." Simple? Yes. But in stepping out in faith, believing and reading the Bible - sickness became health, from loneliness one found companionship, from superficial happiness came true peace in knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Maori carving became the carving of texts for the comfort of many, and sculpturing of beautiful objects to God's praise and glory.

To the Church Army as an evangelist, was by God speaking to me through a book called "Within a Yard of Hell", and my responding positively to His calling.

Once one was a self-centred forest worker in New Zealand, with pipe band activities for challenge and recreation, but now on the Lord's business sharing His Good News of salvation. When we look to Him, He promises never to leave or forsake us, and He is always beckonning us to Him, so that we might have His best for us.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Following is a suggested Calendar of Prayer for use over a period of 5 days:

MONDAY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH ARMY IN AUST.: The Most Rev. Sir Marcus Loane

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: Names on page 11.

THE SEVEN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

FEDERAL OFFICE:

Federal Director, The Rev. Captain R.L. Gwilt, Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, June, Stephen, Andrew & Timothy.

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TUESDAY

NEWCASTLE, GRAFTON & GOSFORD BOOKSHOPS

Manager, Captain N.A.R. Payne, Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark & Elizabeth.

Bookshop Staff: Mr. L. Jennison, Mr. I. Lean, Mrs. M. Dunn, Miss K. Wilson, Mrs. G. Bolton, and voluntary staff.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Sister B. Rilatt

CHILDREN'S HOMES:

Burwood Children's Home, Vic. - Sister N.J. Bridges.

St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld. - The Rev. Captain N. Polgen.

YOUTH WORK:

St. John's Hostel & St. John's Parish, Forbes, N.S.W. - Sister L. Bullard.

WEDNESDAY

ABORIGINAL WORK:

Yarrabah, Nth. Qld. - the Rev. Captain & Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew & Ruth.

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM:

Factories at Granville, Cabramatta, Homebush, and Qantas Workshops, N.S.W. - Captain D.O. Quayle.

"ALTERNATE CULTURE" GROUPS EVANGELISM:

Binna Burra, N.S.W. - the Rev. Captain J. McKnight.

RETIRED OFFICERS AND WIDOWS:

Mrs. C. Fisk
The Rev. & Mrs. A.W. Batley
Sister G.A. Phillpot
Sister E.N. Bacon
Sister M. Pritchard
Sister I.B. Johnson
Sister E. Campbell (part-time in Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.)

THURSDAY

AERIAL MINISTRY:

with part-time parish work, Lismore, N.S.W. - Captain & Mrs. K. Cullen, Anthony & Belinda.

PARISH EVANGELISM:

NEW SOUTH WALES:

Epping - Sister L. Russell
Mayfield - Captain T. Brooks
Lightning Ridge - Captain & Mrs. L. Fernance, Faith & Warren
Hurstville - Captain & Mrs. J. Harding
Blacktown - Captain & Mrs. Hinchliffe, Andrew & Darren
(Awaiting appointment) Sister F. Herman

VICTORIA:

Lara - Captain C. Thiele

Besides ministry to the youth, another important area is that of -

CONVALESCENT HOMES Many elderly people living in convalescent homes in our area have needs, other than medical attention. Although older, they are still individuals, and many long to have some-one (besides relatives and friends) to visit them. And of course, there are some who don't get any visitors. In such places, many of these people are cut off from all their old friends and interests.

Visiting in a convalescent home.

Within St. George's Parish, there are three such homes and I enjoy the opportunity to pray, read the Bible or just talk with the people. There are other people who visit these homes too, and they endeavour to bring some comfort and help, in the same way that I do, or by bringing flowers or other personal things.

Members of the Keynote Club attempt to answer a quiz question.

At "Botany Gardens Nursing Home", we began the first of our services in June. These have continued on the first Tuesday morning of every month. This is a time which many enjoy and it is anticipated that the number who attend will grow. In the past a number of girls from Danebank Church of England Girls' School have been there to sing. This is something the people enjoy immensely.

People in these homes, I know, appreciate very much the concern shown by others. It doesn't matter whether the visitors are young or old, as a smiling face and a touch of the hand can often speak louder than many words.

WITHIN THE PARISH, there are other areas of ministry - such as scripture teaching in the schools, which is a tremendous opportunity to get to know the children, as well as sharing with them the Good News of Jesus.

Next year, we hope to commence a Prayer and Bible Study Group of 8 - 10 year olds.

There is preparation for the forth-coming Billy Graham Crusade in 1979 and many in the congregation are enthusiastic about it.

IT IS THE PRAYER OF MANY THAT THIS WILL BRING A REVIVAL, NOT ONLY TO THIS PARISH, BUT TO THE WHOLE OF AUSTRALIA, AND WE LONG TO SEE JESUS CHRIST TOUCH THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE.